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CHURCH NEWS

PRETORIA BEGINS CHAPEL

ON the 3rd of March 1962, the ground breaking ceremony for the Pretoria Chapel, (Chapel Deseret) was held. It was a beautiful warm morning and there were approximately 100 people in attendance.

Among those present were President and Sister Alldredge, President Powrie, President Faber, and the architect, Brother Gerard Meyer.

The chapel is expected to be completed by early summer.

Ground Breaking Ceremony

A NEW 2nd COUNSELOR

On April 23rd 1962, Elder David G. Norton was set apart as the 2nd Counselor in the South African Mission Presidency.

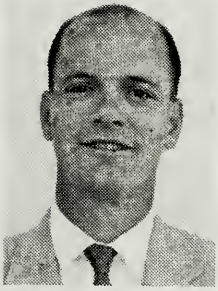
President Norton has shown his ability in leadership by successfully fulfilling the position of supervising elder in the Port Elizabeth and West Rand Districts.

A man of vision and drive who believes in motivating others by his own actions, and whose love for the gospel radiates from him through his warm and friendly personality.

President Norton replaces President Thomas B. Smith who was released on March 31, 1962.

PRESIDENT DAVID G. NORTON

RELEASED



BROTHER SCOTT TAGGART

At the M.I.A. Conference Brother Scott Taggart was released as Mission Superintendent of the Y.M.M.I.A., and Sister Lou-Ciel Taggart was released as Mission President of the Y.W.M.I.A. Brother and Sister Taggart have honourably fulfilled these positions since being set apart at the last M.I.A. Conference, in April, 1961.

SISTER LOU-CIEL TAGGART

SUSTAINED

BROTHER NELSON BEARD

SISTER NELSON BEARD

Sustained as Mission Superintendent of the Y.M.M.I.A. was Brother Nelson Beard, with Sister Margaret Beard as Mission President of the Y.W.M.I.A.

Brother and Sister Beard were baptised into the Church on July 17, 1960, and have since been faithful, devoted members of the Church.

Editor's Page

LET'S SERVE THE LORD

"AND others will he pacify, and lull them away into carnal security, that they will say: All is well in Zion; yea, Zion prospereth, all is well—and thus the devil cheateth their souls, and leadeth them away carefully down to hell." "Therefore, woe be unto him that is at ease in Zion! Woe be unto him that crieth: All is well!" (2 Nephi 28: 21, 24, 25).

The voice of warning is unto all that will listen. Unto those whose hearts are pricked by its message, it brings happiness, prosperity, and peace of mind.

He who says to himself, "all is well in Zion" has in no manner caught the vision of the work. Countless hours of work, sweat, pain, sorrows and heartaches went into establishing the Kingdom of God in this dispensation, and is needed to continue its growth and development.

"The world has need of willing men, who wear the workers seal; come, help the good work move along; put your shoulder to the wheel." Of what good is a wheel that doesn't move . . . or what good is a man who doesn't push?

Sacrifice, the extra mile, endurance, are all synonyms that describe the qualities of a Latter-day Saint. Nothing less is worthy of the members of the Church of Jesus Christ. We either progress or retrogress. The Church of Jesus Christ progresses, and woe to him that hinders the work, by an eye that isn't single to the purpose of God.

It seems very difficult to imagine presiding over mansions in Heaven, if we can not preside over and fulfil our duties on earth.

The Lord has never given a commandment that cannot be kept, nor a goal that cannot be reached. The Lord blesses most, those who serve Him the most and render their service to His purposes.

If we could more fully realize that God will bless us, and is bound to do so, when we obey His commandments, we would put forth renewed effort to serve him. Let each and everyone of us ask ourselves, what are we doing to further the work of our Heavenly Father? Are we doing our best or are we just drifting along without care or responsibility?

Let's take renewed stock of our lives and actions and go forth with a greater desire and increased enthusiasm in the service of the Lord. So that we will be able to say to the world and to the Lord, as did Joshua of old, "as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

MLT

M. I. A.
CONVENTION

YOUTH CONFERENCE, 1962

Easter weekend was eventful and filled with the Spirit of the Lord for those from all over the Mission who were in attendance at the 1962 M.I.A. Youth Conference. Held at "Ramah", in Johannesburg, the conference constituted four days, filled to overflowing with spiritualized activity. All phases of the M.I.A. programme were touched upon, with speech, drama, song, dance and sports, all spot-lighted at one time or another during the conference.

VARIETY SHOW

The variety show, which started off the conference on Thursday evening, was notable for quality performances that were presented by groups from the different branches. All who attended had a very enjoyable evening.

LEADERSHIP MEETING

Friday morning, M.I.A. leaders received the programme for the 1962-63 M.I.A. year. This leadership meeting was particularly important because: a new mission tool, the "M.I.A. in the Mission Manual," was introduced, along with suggested modifications to existing M.I.A. organizations; a new Ensign programme was explained; the long awaited programme for Vanguards was presented. The syllabus of all information presented at this leadership meeting is available from the Mission M.I.A. Board.

SPEECH COMPETITION

Among many fine speeches delivered at the speech competition Friday afternoon, two were considered by the judges, Sister La Verne Park, Brother Lionel Bibb and Brother Johannes Brummer, to be worthy of representation during Sunday's general sessions. Those two exceptional talks were given by Brother Ken Armstrong of Springs Branch, and Sister Dianne Alldredge of Ramah Branch.

PROMISED VALLEY

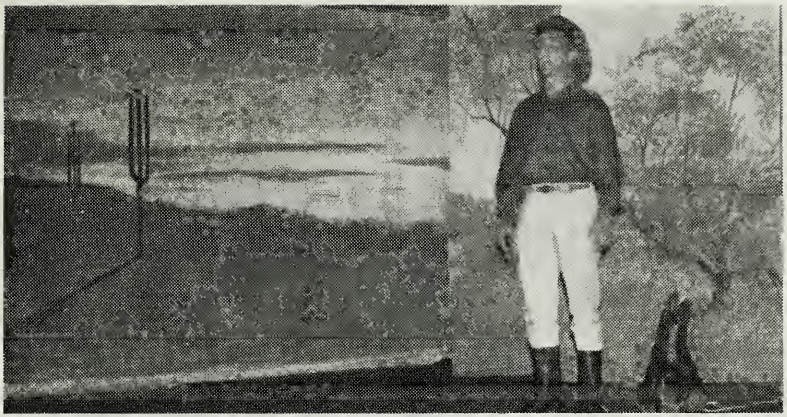
All attendance records were broken on Friday evening when nearly 950 people attended the musical play, "Promised Valley". The largest presentation of its type ever attempted in the South African Mission, was directed by Brother Donovan Donly and Brother Johannes Brummer, with a cast and chorus of over 75 people. Dance sequence were contributed by the Mowbray Branch. Cast and chorus were composed of members of the Transvaal District

Scenes from "Promised Valley"

Winter Quarters on the Missouri River, early 1847

Fennely and his eight sons (one absent)

Pioneers preparing to leave winter quarters.



Mormon Battalion camp in the American South West.

Rest stop near the Platte River

Praying for crops to be saved from crickets.

VOLLEY BALL TOURNAMENT

On Saturday afternoon everyone converged on McIntash Park for the Mission Volley Ball Competition. The beautiful spirit of the Gospel which prevailed during the entire conference was present at this competition, as evidenced by the sportsmanship displayed. The Women's Volley Ball Competition was won by the Durban Branch. The Junior Men's Division was also won by the Durban Branch and the Senior Men's Division was won by the Springs Branch. The winning teams were presented floating trophies.

Left to right standing: Dalene Dingley, Marlene Henning, Lynne Duncan, Pat Robertson, Maureen Joubert. Left to Right kneeling: Gwen Nell, Joyce Wahlburn, Merrill Jakins (capt.), Winsome Jakins, Pat Kunitz.

DURBAN WOMEN'S VOLLEY BALL TEAM

Standing left to right: Henri Hugo, Ken Armstrong, Wynne Armstrong, John Hugo. Kneeling left to right: Piet Botha, Val van Niekerk, Erold Jubber, Temple Futter.

SPRINGS MEN'S VOLLEY BALL TEAM

DURBAN JUNIOR MEN'S VOLLEY BALL TEAM

Standing left to right: Harold Elliot, Andrew Barrowman, Leland Doller, Robert Cameron. Left to right kneeling: Lyle Jakins, Brian Miller, Lindsay Wiblin, and sitting Clive Duffield.

DANCE

The Ramah recreational hall was beautifully decorated with silhouettes of African wild life, native masks and shields, for the dance on Saturday night. For the first time in the South African Mission the dance was organized along lines which have been long traditional in the Church. A beautiful floor show was presented midway through the dance by members of the Ramah, Pretoria and Springs Branches. By those present it was felt that the dance was one of the loveliest ever attended in the mission.

Floorshow Dance by Pretoria Branch

CONFERENCE

A CONFERENCE SESSION

Sunday's meetings began with the establishment of a new tradition. At 9.00 a.m. the young men and the young women met separately in meetings designed to help young people through some of the problems of life. At 10.30 a.m., the first session of the conference was held. Wonderful talks were given by all who spoke. Music was furnished by the Mission Choir, under the direction of Brother Johannes Brummer.

To crown the morning session, President Alldredge delivered a most inspiring talk centred around the youth of the Church. He gave to the youth sound advice and wisdom in shaping their lives for the future, and living clean lives that are in accordance with the standards of the Church. All who attended were inspired by his beautiful talk.

The afternoon session was similar to the morning, in that many inspirational talks were presented, along with individual awards presented to many for their achievements in M.I.A.

Approximately 650 people attended both sessions.

In the evening a fireside was held. Recorded talks given by President David O. McKay and Elder Mathew Cowley were played to the 370 people that attended.

Many present expressed that it was one of the best conferences ever held in the mission. A tribute to the hours and hours of work that went into the preparation for the conference.

SHALL THE YOUTH OF ZION FALTER?

Shall the youth of Zion falter in defending truth and right?
While the enemy assaileth, shall we shrink or shun the fight?
No!
True to the faith that our parents have cherished, true to the truth for which martyrs have perished, to God's command, soul, heart, and hand. faithful and true we will ever stand.

Evan Stephens

The Primary Children's Hospital

"In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

Dear Primary workers, we are grateful to you for your enthusiastic support of the Primary Children's Hospital project. It is reassuring to know that we can always depend on you, no matter what the call may be. Kindly convey our appreciation to your Primary children for their co-operation.

The donation from the South African Mission Primaries this February came to R56.00, with Brakpan, under the leadership of Sister Martell, leading with R12.00. Mowbray and Springs close seconds; Mowbray R8.45, Springs R8.00. Then follow Primrose with R6.00, Pretoria R5.50, Florida R5.35, East London R4.00, Hermanus R2.35, Ramah R1.90. Carletonville R1.45 and Bloemfontein R1.00.

There are some primaries which did not send any Birthday Pennies, but we hope they too will join us next time in our Birthday Penny project.

An ancient Persian poet gave some very wise advice to mankind, "If thou hast two pennies, spend one for bread, with the other buy hyacinths for the soul."

He wants us to use half of our possessions to buy the necessities of life, with the other half we should build our souls.

I think, Primary children, we can buy the most beautiful hyacinths for our souls by remembering to give our pennies to the Primary Children's Hospital, and bring the bloom of health back into the cheeks of the little patients, and joy into their lives.

I would like to tell you how your pennies can help these little children and how blessings can come to your soul.

There is a 12-year-old girl in the Primary Children's Hospital, who had polio six years ago and lost the use of her legs. Every day she is lowered into a big stainless steel bath, called a Hubbard Tank. This tank is filled with warm water that swirls round her legs to massage and strengthen the muscles. Through this treatment and our Heavenly Father's blessings, we are sure she will be able to walk again.

There is an eight-year-old boy who is learning to walk by holding on to two strong bars. After a while he will be able to go up and down the stairs.

There is a dear four-year-old girl who has been in the hospital for many months. Now she is an out-patient, and is taken to the hospital for treatment several times a week. Her spinal cord was injured over a year ago. When she was first brought to the hospital she couldn't move at all, but now she has learned to walk without crutches.

Another patient, a seven-year-old boy, has diabetes. He can only eat certain foods, so the Birthday Pennies help in giving him the best food possible.

Those in charge of the recreational department make sure that the children are kept happy by giving them interesting things to do. Programmes, movies, games, etc. are provided for the children who are well enough to enjoy them.

There is an 11-year-old boy who has spent 10 years in the hospital. His bones are so fragile that they break when he stumbles or bumps into anything. The Birthday Pennies help to make his stay in the hospital a happy one.

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DISTRICT PRESIDENCY

Right—President Sydney J. Spear—District President.
Left—Brother Charles M. Young—District Clerk.

Organization of the new Orange Free State District Presidency, and reorganization of the Bloemfontein Branch Presidency.

ON the 4th of March 1962, Bloemfontein Branch with its dependent branch, Kimberley, and the Welkom Branch, were formally organised into the Orange Free State District of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Brother Sydney J. Spear, formerly Branch President of the Bloemfontein Branch, was set apart as District President by the Mission President, O. Layton Alldredge.

For the present he will be operating without counselors, but with Brother Charles M. Young as district clerk.

Brother Sydney J. Spear was blessed a child of record in the Church in March 1925. He was three years old when his late father, Brother Clarence B. Spear became a member. He has lived in Bloemfontein all his life.

Brother Charles M. Young, the new district clerk, and also the branch clerk for the Bloemfontein Branch, was set apart for these two positions by President O. Layton Alldredge.

Brother Young has been a member of the Church for just over a year, and has proved himself a sincere and earnest member whose growth in knowledge and understanding of the gospel has been a joy to witness. About four months ago he was appointed branch clerk for the Bloemfontein Branch and filled the position so well that President S. J. Spear asked him to take on the additional duties of district clerk. To assist him in his duties, Brother James W. G. Robb, who also became a member recently, was appointed assistant branch clerk.

Brother Charles H. Spear was set apart as Branch President of the Bloemfontein Branch by President O. Layton Alldredge.

Brother Spear joined the Church in 1925 when his late father became a member and has lived in several of the South African Branches. When he was seventeen years of age he was Branch Clerk in the Bloemfontein Branch under the presidency of his father, Brother Clarence B. Spear.

In 1957 Brother Spear was made 1st Counselor in the Bloemfontein Branch Presidency; he also filled the position of branch clerk. He held these two positions until he was set apart as Branch President.

BLOEMFONTEIN BRANCH PRESIDENCY

Right rear—President Charles H. Spear—Branch President.
Right front—Brother Pieter A. P. Milne—1st Counselor.
Left rear—Brother Stanley N. Daubney—2nd Counselor.
Left front—Brother Charles M. Young—Branch Clerk.

BROTHER Pieter A. P. Milne was set apart as 1st counselor in the Branch Presidency by President O. Layton Alldredge.

Brother Milne became a member of the Church in February 1957. The other members of his family were then already members of the Church. Brother Milne immediately threw himself into the work of the Church and later in the year he was set apart as 2nd counselor in the Bloemfontein Branch Presidency. His special interest has always been the Aaronic Priesthood; he has done a lot towards assisting them.

He was ordained an elder in the Melchizedek Priesthood by Elder Harold B. Lee in Durban, during his visit to South Africa.

Brother Stanley N. Daubney was set apart as 2nd counselor in the Bloemfontein Branch Presidency by President O. Layton Alldredge.

Brother Daubney became a member of the Church in February, 1957, and was almost immediately involved in church work. During these few years of membership, he has been Sunday School Superintendent, M.I.A. President, member of the Chapel Building Committee, and at present is again Sunday School Superintendent.

And all things shall be done by common consent in the church, by much prayer and faith, for all things you shall receive by faith.

(D. & C. 26:2)

The Blood He Shed For Us

The blood that He had promised to shed for you and me
Fell first when left alone to pray, in dark Gethsemane.
Great drops of sweat and blood and tears there stained that garden sod,
When Jesus, Saviour of the world kneeled down to pray to God.
"Oh Father, if it is thy will, this bitter cup I drain,
Then let thy will be done, not mine, I mean not to complain,
For he who would his own life save, to him it shall not be,
But he who gives his life for God shall live eternally."

And while our Lord was praying, His enemies drew near
With ropes to bind those hands that healed, and armed with sword and spear,
The friends he'd left to stand on guard were sleeping peacefully on,
His most beloved Apostles, Peter, James and John.
They took him unto Pilate, and with hateful voices cried,
"This man declares he is a God — let him be crucified."
But Pilate, though an enemy, whose soul was stained with sin,
Declared, "This man is innocent, I find no fault in him."

Then he sent him off to Herod, the ruler of the land,
Who'd slain John the Baptist, that blood was on his hand.
So the conscience-smitten Herod would have no more to do
With a Prophet of the living God, and stain his hands anew.
He clothed him in a robe of white, the garment of a king,
Then sent him back to Pilate, a very clever thing.
But the wife of Pontius Pilate had sent her slave to say,
"Do thou nothing to this just man, I dreamed of him this day."

But the Sadducees, the Pharisees, the Scribes and Rabbis cried,
"We want him killed, we want him killed, let him be crucified."
Then Pilate, weakling that he was, conceived another plan:
He had him stripped and scourged and whipped, then said "behold the man."

His blood ran freely now again, the blood he freely gave,
A sacrifice designed by God, a wicked world to save.
And Roman soldiers standing by conceived the plan, 'tis said
To make a crown of thorns for him, and place it on his head.

His scepter was an old, dry reed. They pushed him to a seat,
Then spit on him and mocked him, and kneeled down at his feet.
One mocking soldier snatched the reed from out of Jesus' hand
And struck the crown of thorns such blows, it made a bloody band.
Then Pilate had some water brought to him from within,
And said, "I wash my hands of this — this vile, inhuman sin."
And then the people answered, with anger born anew,
"His blood be on each one of us, and on our children, too!"

And then it is recorded, Pilate feared the angry clan,
And so declared, "I give to you the life of this just man."
He had a scribe write on a sign, the words he now would choose,
And this is what was written: "Jesus of Nazareth, King of all the Jews."
Then Jesus, weak from torture, his shoulders cut and sore,
Was forced to carry his own cross, as all our sins he bore.
And when he fell exhausted, the jeering crowd drew near
To laugh at him and mock him, and all his suffering cheer.
And when they reached the summit of that rounded sandstone hill,
The birds were singing sweetly, the air was clear and still.
And Jesus thought how lovely and how glorious it would be
To live with loving friends again, those days of Galilee.
But the soldiers took no thought of that, they had a job to do,
They hoisted him upon the cross and drove the long nails through.
They put a nail through hands and feet, and then to make more sure
They drove a cruel nail through his wrists, to finish up their chore.

His blood again began to flow, some drops were shed for you,
He suffered, bled, and died for all, that we might live anew.
So when we drink the water and eat the broken bread
Let us remember and give thanks to Jesus Christ, our head.
Let us renew each sacred vow to Him who dwells above,
Let us remember and be sure to thank Him for His love.
Let us be sure our hearts and hands are clean as they can be.
Let's bow our heads and whisper, "We do remember Thee."

Nephi J. Bott

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120th RELIEF SOCIETY BANQUET

A banquet commemorating the organization of the Relief Society was held in the Mowbray Branch on March 15, 1962. The feature of the dinner was a beautiful cake baked by Sister Dorothy Smith, work director, and was iced and decorated by Sister Maria Maritz, the work counselor.

A very inspiring play was presented by the members of the branch under the direction of Sister Wanda Fullard.

Left: Sister Dorothy Smith (work director).
Right: Sister Maria Maritz (work counselor).

Seated from left to right: Sister A. Hubert, President U. Poulsen, Sister V. Dallender, President J. Wilson and Sister P. Poulsen.

RELIEF SOCIETY

COMPARATIVE REPORT FOR MARCH

THE TOP FOUR

BRANCH	PERCENT ATTENDANCE
BELLVILLE	125%
BLOEMFONTEIN	100%
VEREENIGING	100%
LUANSHYA	100%

	Enrolled	Average Attendance	Percentage Attendance	Number of Magazines	Sick Visits	Visiting Teachers Visits
Bellville	8	10	125%	9	2	14
Bloemfontein	10	10	100%	—	15	26
Bulawayo	21	12	57%	9	—	3
Durban	30	23	77%	17	14	38
East London	12	8	66%	11	19	—
East Rand	17	12	70%	11	30	—
Gwelo*	—	—	—	—	—	—
Krugersdorp	18	12	66%	15	18	15
Luanshya	4	4	100%	4	7	8
Mowbray	49	36	73%	31	88	30
Pietermaritzburg	10	8	80%	1	—	—
Port Elizabeth*	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pretoria	29	15	51%	13	24	4
Primrose	10	7	70%	7	—	—
Ramah	47	38	80%	41	133	2
Salisbury	17	11	65%	10	14	8
Springs	14	10	71%	17	6	10
Welkom	9	7	77%	3	—	—
Vereeniging	8	8	100%	3	—	—
Copperbelt	16	12	75%	9	—	—

Congratulations to the Bellville, Bloemfontein, Vereeniging and Luanshya Branches.
* Those with a star reported too late to be included in this report.

PRIMARY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL (Continued from page 127)

The collection of Birthday Pennies was begun in 1922 and has grown from year to year, until now it practically takes care of the entire operation of the hospital. These pennies open the door of the Primary Children's Hospital, and they have made advancement possible. The project will go on, for there will always be loving hearts and willing hands.

President David O. McKay said at the dedicatory service of the new Primary Children's Hospital in January, 1952, "The Primary Hospital is a blessing to thousands of children in need of medical skill and careful nursing. It is a monument to all who believe in doing gracious deeds to their fellow-men, meriting the approval of the Saviour who said, "These deeds shall thy memorial be, fear not thou did'st them unto me."

SISTER JOHANNA FOURIE,
Mission Primary Mother.

FROM OUR FILES

Baptisms

BULAWAYO

VAN ZYL, Willem Marcel
VAN ZYL, Wouter Marian

DURBAN

DAVIS, Wendy Edith
DONE, George Edward
DONE, Violet Emma
KAPP, John Piner

KRUGERSDORP

SCHULTZ, Hugh Gavan

PIETERMARITZBURG

MAYS, Joan Maureen
MAYS, Susanna Johanna
ORTH, Bernard Walter Leader
ORTH, Kenneth Leader
WALSH, Maureen Merle
WALSH, Merle Agnes
WALSH, Valerie St. Clair

PRETORIA

LAIDLAW, Leonard Llewellyn
VAN HEERDEN, De Wit

RAMAH

MOSTERT, David Schalk
MOSTERT, Fanny Dora

WELKOM

BRICKNELL, Denzil Robert

Births

ROBINSON, Gavin Edward, born 7th January, 1962 at Pinelands. Father: George Edward Robinson, Mother: Hazel Lorraine de Bruyn.

SCHREUDER, Jeanette, born 13th February, 1962 at Bellville. Father: Dirk Jacobus Schreuder, Mother: Heila Goosen.

Blessings

BELLVILLE

OOSTHUIZEN, Alison
SIEMS, Allan Frank

COPPERBELT

STEVENS, Gillian Diane
STEVENS, Linda Susan

DURBAN

JAMIESON, Alan David
JAMIESON, Lauren Else
JAMIESON, Vaughn James

RAMAH

MOSTERT Hendrikus Adriaan
VAN STADEN, Nicholas Hugh

WELKOM

NEL, Michele Barbara

Deaths

JACOBS, Christoffel Willem Johannes, died 6th April 1962 at Johannesburg, Tvl .

JAKINS, Eric James, died 14th October 1961 at Bellville, Cape.

JUBBER, Walter, died 27th March, 1962 at Grootvlei Gold Mines, Springs, Tvl.

PIERCY, Harold Harcourt, died 2nd April, 1961 at Pietermaritzburg, Natal.

Marriages

BOTHA, Cornelia Margaretha, married 4th November, 1961 to Donald Sutherland at Benoni, Transvaal.

BOTHA, Cornelia Maria M., married 18th December, 1961 to Heinrich Frederick Wichmann at Benoni, Tvl.

LOUW, Emily Rosemund, married 3rd March, 1962 to Gabriel Jacobus le Roux at Van der Bijl Park, Tvl.

ARMSTRONG, Kenneth Stuart, married 10th March, 1962 to Muriel Dorothy Dalldorf, at Springs Chapel, Tvl.

ELS, Thomas Richard, married 13th January, 1962 to Mavis Ann Hayes, at Port Elizabeth Chapel, Cape.

Ordinations

BELLVILLE

JAKINS, Charles Frederick—Priest

BULAWAYO

SOUTHEY, Trevor Jack Thomas—Elder

COPPERBELT

CALTEAUX, Norman James—Elder
ENGH, Kenneth Peter—Elder
McTAVISH, Creswell—Teacher
MOSSOP, Norman George—Elder
STEVENS, Jack Walter—Deacon

DURBAN

BLIGHT, Michael Andrew—Priest
CLARK, William Lewis—Teacher
DUNCAN, Jonathan Louis—Teacher
JAKINS, Lyle Dean—Teacher
ROBERTSON, Andrew James—Teacher
WILKENS, John August—Priest

EAST RAND

EVANS, Michael Lewis—Priest
HOLTSHOUSEN, Steven Craig—Deacon
VAN ZYL, Frederick—Deacon

PIETERMARITZBURG

JEE, Ralph William—Priest
ORTH, Eric Bernhardt Leader—Priest
VAN HEERDEN, Raymond—Priest

PORT ELIZABETH

STEEDMAN, John—Priest

SPRINGS

HUGO, Jan Gysbert—Elder

WELKOM

GILBURT, Alfred Gordon—Elder

THE PURPOSE OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

I have been privileged to write briefly about the Sunday School. It is a wonderful organization and every member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints should know something about the Sunday School, and its real purpose.

At the sea of Tiberius, nearly 2,000 years ago, Jesus' disciples were fishing all night and caught nothing. But as the morning came, Jesus stood on the shore, and asked them, "Children, have ye any meat?" They answered "No", and knew not that it was Jesus. He said to the disciples, "Cast the net on the right side of the ship and ye shall find." When they had done this, they were not able to draw the net for the multitude of fish. John the Beloved then said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard this, "he girt his fisher's coat unto him, and cast himself into the sea." The other disciples came in a little ship, for they were not far from land. As they landed, "they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon and bread . . . " Then Jesus said unto them, "Come and dine," and none of the disciples durst ask Him, "Who art thou?" knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then came and took bread, and gave them bread and fish likewise." (This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to His disciples after His resurrection.)

When they had dined, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He said unto Him, "Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee." So Christ replied, "Feed my lambs." Then He said to him for the second and third time, "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?" Peter was grieved the third time and said to Jesus, "Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee." So Jesus said unto him, "Feed my sheep." And after Jesus had said these words and others, he said unto Peter, "Follow me." (See John 21.)

"Feed my lambs"—this is to look after the little ones or the children in his Church, that they might not be led astray to paths that would bring them into sin and misery." "Feed my sheep."—this divine injunction was given to Peter for the older ones, that they might be kept together and that they may receive the words of life, as Peter received it from the Lord.

This is what every Sunday School officer and teacher should have in mind when they carry out their particular responsibilities, because this is the very purpose of Sunday School, I feel, to feed the lambs or little ones, and the sheep, the older ones, in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The Lord said in our day:

"Remember the worth of souls is great in the sight of God . . . and how great is his joy in the soul that repenteth: Wherefore, you are called to cry repentance unto this people. And if it so be that you should labour all your days in crying repentance unto this people (feeding his lambs and sheep) and bring, save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in the kingdom of my Father. And now if your joy will be great with one soul that you have brought unto me into the kingdom of my Father, how great will be your joy if you should bring many souls unto me. Behold you have my gospel before you, and my rock, and my salvation."

"Ask the Father in my name, in faith believing that you shall receive, and you shall have the Holy Ghost, which manifesteth all things which are expedient unto the children of men. And if you have not faith, hope and charity, you can do nothing. Contend against no

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BRANCH REPORTS

BULAWAYO

Shirley Woolf

WE are pleased to say that Sister Patterson has now recovered from her recent illness and is back home.

A baptism was held on the 31st of March. We welcome with glad hearts Brothers Wouter and William van Zyl.

Three families went to the Airport on the 19th of March to greet Elder Lambert, who passed through Bulawayo on his way home. It was a great pleasure to see and speak to him once again. We wish him a safe journey home.

On Sunday evening, the 18th of March, we had in our midst Sister and Mr. Newbolt from Que Que and Brother Southey from Selukwe, who has recently gone on a mission.

A social was held on the 15th of March to celebrate Elder Parker's 21st birthday. Elder Parker was presented with a lovely key. Although the Elders could not join in the games, they enjoyed the eats and cool drinks provided by the Sisters. We pray that the Lord's hand will guide his path throughout his life.

On the 16th and 17th of March, President Alldredge paid us a short visit to discuss the plans of the chapel which we hope to have built by the end of the year.

Elder Hull left Bulawayo on the 4th of April. God bless him. On the 5th Elder Orr arrived to replace Elder Hull. We extend a warm welcome to him.

A cake sale was held on the 7th. The Sisters are certainly "Putting their shoulders to the wheel" to raise money for building funds. They realized the amount of R44.

We offer our congratulations to Brother Walter Jubber on his 21st birthday. The Lord bless him always. We also extend birthday greetings to Sister Owen and Brother Jubber Snr.

We were thrilled beyond words on Sunday the 8th of April to listen to the Salt Lake City Conference which was broadcast over the radio. It was wonderful to hear President David O. McKay and President Moyle. Unfortunately transmission to South Africa was cut off, but we did hear our Prophet's voice, which was wonderful, absolutely wonderful.

We send our greetings to the Saints everywhere. God bless you all.

COPPERBELT BRANCH

Joan Clarke

THE highlight of the month was the visit of President Alldredge to the Copperbelt on the 23rd, 24th and 25th of March. On Saturday 24th, after our Monthly Officers and Teachers Meeting, a Braaivleis was held at the home of Brother and Sister Calteaux of Kitwe and this was attended and enjoyed by a number of members and friends. The proceeds of the evening's entertainment went to the Building fund.

On Sunday 25th March, both sessions of conference were held at the Kitwe Boy's High School and the Relief Society Sisters served lunch at our own hall between the two sessions. The meetings were not too well attended, but all who were present enjoyed the talks given by the Brethren and Sisters and especially the wonderful and encouraging words of President Alldredge. Two beautiful solos were rendered at these meetings — Sister Iris Engh sang at the morning session and Brother Creswell McTavish sang at the afternoon session. At the conclusion of the Conference, Brothers Kenneth Engh and Norman Calteaux were ordained Elders and Brother Creswell McTavish, Snr., was advanced to a teacher.

We missed Sister Alldredge, who was not able to be with us this conference, but hope that she will be able to visit us when next President Alldredge travels to the Copperbelt.

Sister Dorothy McTavish and her two sons, Creswell and Kelvin, are at present on a visit to Durban and will be travelling to Johannesburg later to attend the Convention at Easter. We hope they are enjoying their holiday and look forward to having them back with us again soon.

We are glad to report that Sister Campbell is much better, as also is her son Duncan. The Campbell family are now on holiday in South Africa and we wish them a happy holiday and hope they will return feeling well and ready to carry on.

Sister Gertruida Fourie is in hospital recovering from an operation, and we ask the Lord's blessing to be with her that she may have a speedy recovery and be with us once again.

Cake sales were held on April 6th at Mufulira and April 7th at Luanshya, the proceeds of which will be handed to the Building Fund. Mufulira raised £11 and Luanshya £30. We are very pleased with the efforts of the Sisters and look forward to having many more successful cake sales.

Brother Richard Brandon has just returned to school after an attack of German Measles.

Our very best wishes to all the Saints of the South African Mission.

DURBAN BRANCH

William Clark

THE Branch Presidency has really set the ball rolling. Without exaggeration, I honestly think that the Durban Branch must be the most active in the Mission. For the past few weeks it has been a hive of humming activity in all fields. Special attention is being given to the re-activation of members who have fallen away, due to the magnet of mundanity. The Integration Committee, under the able leadership of Bro. Michael Blight, has swung into full action. Members are being paid frequent visits, with the conversational topic being mainly spiritual. This Committee has pledged its unceasing service to its calling. With such enthusiasm, courage and determination forming the foundation to its efforts, the Committee cannot but succeed in its task.

Durban Branch is really feeling proud. Unceasing efforts at brick-selling and other fund-raising tasks are now paying dividends. The Hall,

for which we have waited so long, is now well on its way, and will soon be in continual service, as many activities are already being organised.

Not too long ago, I predicted great things for the Durban Branch Basketball team. There was also a "suggestion" of "rash statements" about an open challenge to any team in the Mission. This challenge has now been accepted by the Durban missionaries. I wonder if the transfer of a couple of new Elders to Durban during this past week has anything to do with the challenge? I believe these Elders represented the team that defeated the visiting Greek team. Am I right? However, general opinion has it that the branch team will convincingly defeat the missionaries. This Saturday will prove or disprove that opinion. In their last match the branch team defeated University by 18 points to 8.

This Sunday there were three priesthood advancements—Brothers M. Blight and J. Wilkens were advanced to Priests, while Brother W. Clark was advanced to a teacher. These brothers are counselled to make great efforts to obey all Church laws and to sustain the Authorities, for one day they may be in positions of grave responsibility and they will need the guidance of the Lord.

M.I.A. was responsible for the organisation of activities over the past month, and a good job they made of it too. At a "Talent Contest" attended by over 80 members, many of them new, a great deal of latent talent was unearthed. The eventual winners of the Senior section were Sisters Jamieson and Soane, with Sister Roberts filling third position. Excellent talent was also revealed in the Junior section—Eric Dingley being the winner. He presented a very well-said poem.

The Durban Branch hopes and prays for the quick recoveries of Sisters G. Duffield and Nikki Henning, both of whom underwent operations recently. Speedy recovery and Gods blessings to both.

EAST LONDON

Rita Corrigan

THERE have been no major activities in the East London Branch the past month. The auxiliaries have been busy trying to get inactive members to come along to meetings and enjoy the Spirit of the Lord and of good fellowship with their fellow members.

Sister Geraldine Randall was rushed to the hospital towards the end of the month after a severe attack of kidney trouble. We are thankful that the doctor didn't find it necessary to operate as Geraldine responded to the treatment given to her. There has been a good deal of enteritis rife in East London and Brother Corrigan fell a victim to a severe attack. We also had other members come down with it in varying degrees. It is a wonder that more of our members are not suffering from one complaint or another as the weather continues to be most erratic and extreme—a day of hot berg winds from the North is usually followed by icy blasts from the west or east.

The Branch has been fortunate in having an influx of visitors since early in April. The two Spear families and the Daubneys from Bloemfontein are holidaying in East London and their exodus must have left a big gap in the ranks there. Then we were happy to welcome Brother Nel from Durban and Brother Raubenheimer from Pretoria to our meetings. Also Brother I. Bricknell and little Denzil are visiting us again; we rejoice with the Saints in Welkom over the baptism of these new members. We hope the weather is going to be kind to all the holidaymakers.

Elder Bellon has left us—too suddenly to give him a proper farewell—but we pray he will be happy in his new area on the West Rand. We

welcome Elder Scott from Durban and we know that he and Elder Barlow will bring many into the Kingdom here in East London.

Another visitor, an "old" East London member, Brother T. Marriott and his wife were visiting with their daughter, Sister Valmei Waldeck and family. Transport difficulties prevented Brother Marriott from attending meetings during his short stay, but he was able to have a private "pow-wow" with some of the members.

PRETORIA BRANCH

Eileen van Staden

THE building of the chapel is progressing very nicely and receives many keen and interesting visitors, not forgetting to mention the very early morning visits by the architect, Brother Gerry Meyer all the way from Johannesburg. We pray the work may continue satisfactorily and successfully.

The Relief Society presented a lovely programme for the Sacrament Service on the evening of March 11th. The speakers were Sisters Francina Smit and Joey du Preez. There were two lovely numbers rendered by the Singing Mothers under the direction of Brother R. George Hutton. The dahlia arrangements were very beautiful. We had a good attendance with many visitors present.

On March 21 the Pretoria Genealogy Society planned a wonderful and inspiring evening when three films "Everyone a Missionary", "Teacher open my Eyes" and "The Los Angeles Temple" were so kindly brought and shown by the District Genealogical Supervisor, President Louis Hefer, and Brother George Nel from Ramah.

The Relief Society Social Science Lesson on March 24 was attended by Sister Alldredge and Sister Jacobs. We were all so surprised and delighted and happy to hear from Sister Alldredge. Her words of advice and wonderful encouragement, and a vision of what it is going to be like when we meet in our Relief Society Room when the chapel is completed, thrilled us.

Some of us were able to go to the station to say farewell to Sister Betty Pittendreigh and two children, who have gone to join Brother Henry Pittendreigh in Port Elizabeth. Another farewell, which was very sudden was Elder Hunsaker, who has worked here and been a fine example. We wish him every joy and success. A temporary farewell to Sister Winifred Cooksley who has gone to her daughter in Rhodesia for a few months.

Welcome home to Brother and Sister Harvey, who are both looking very well after their holiday in the Cape.

Congratulations go to Brother Herculaas du Preez who is the new second Counsellor in the Branch Presidency, and Brother Elliot who is now 2nd Counsellor in the Sunday School. Every good wish to these two fine brothers.

We were the richer this month by two more baptisms and two blessings, and the arrival of a lovely and healthy baby boy to Brother and Sister Andrew Jansen van Vuuren. Congratulations!

PORT ELIZABETH

Madge McHugh

PRESIDENT Alldredge has been with us again, and we were pleased to know that his cold was much better.

On Saturday night a film was shown to the officers and teachers. On Sunday morning the first session of Conference was held, and the second session was held in the afternoon. All of the talks were based on the

theme "Be Prepared", and so were the members called up to give their talks. It was a pleasure to sit and listen to President Alldredge at the sessions held. We were sorry that Sister Alldredge could not come.

Most of our members are on their way to the M.I.A. convention and our thoughts and prayers are with them and for the success of the convention.

PRIMROSE BRANCH

Ann de Wet

WE are now in the Masonic Hall in Germiston, after conducting our meetings in President Norbury's home for sometime.

The branch has two new elders, Elder Pickles and Elder Bodily. Both are fine young men.

We also wish to welcome out Brother and Sister Hees, along with their family, who are attending Primrose now. They are from Springs Branch.

There have been two baptisms recently, Brother Ken Nicol and young Robin de Wet. We welcome these new members and pray that the Lord will bless them that their testimonies may grow and that they will become stalwart members of the Church.

Sister Mary Ann le Roux is now assisting Sister Norbury in the Primary.

We also have great pleasure in welcoming a new member, Brother Swanepoel to our branch. Our teachers' class, held each Sunday morning, is proving a great success thanks to Brother Jakins who is in charge of this class.

We were sorry to say "good-bye" to our Brother and Sister Ted Tewson when they left South Africa to make their home in Canada. May the Lord bless them and be with them in their new adventure.

RAMAH BRANCH

Miriam Nicholls

DEAR folks . . . this month has been a really wonderful one at Ramah. District conference was grand, a real spiritual feast for all attending. We had wonderful speakers in attendance, amongst whom were President and Sister Alldredge. Many members were ordained to both the Priesthoods, with a big increase in the membership of the Priesthood in the Transvaal District. We would like especially to congratulate the members of Ramah who have either received the Priesthood or have been advanced.

We also held a film show this month put on by the Aaronic Priesthood, but unfortunately the projector broke down and couldn't be repaired. Some folks were quite disappointed at not being able to see the end of the show, but never mind, these things happen and must be taken in our stride.

Two of our Aaronic Priesthood members go to the road house weekly and work to obtain money to support the missionaries. They work from 7 p.m. until 1 a.m. in the morning. We would like to commend them on their fine efforts and tell them how much we admire them. They still attend Priesthood Meeting after only arriving home at 2 a.m. in the morning. It is not such an easy task to work so late. Will a humble "thank you" suffice to show you we are grateful, as indeed we are.

Our Relief Society held a party to celebrate its 120th birthday. Sixty-seven Sisters were present. Sister Clarke welcomed Sister Alldredge, who spoke so nicely. Sister Grant also spoke very well. The halls were decorated in a most attractive manner with lovely flowers and plenty of "mouth watering" eats. Two Sisters made a gorgeous birthday cake, (one made it and one iced it), and it was certainly delicious. Everyone in attendance enjoyed themselves. May God continue to bless the Relief Society and all its Sisters.

Ramah is proud to announce that it is sending two more missionaries into the field to labour in South Africa. They held their testimony and farewell service on Sunday the 15th of April. These young new missionaries are Brothers Alma Donly and David Nicholls. We think they will make fine missionaries and wish them good health and much joy in their new life. May God crown their efforts with great success and may they serve our Heavenly Father faithfully to the very best of their ability.

We were so happy to see Sister McKnight, senior, at Sunday School after her very serious illness; we are so glad she is much better, and trust that she soon will be 100% well.

We wish Sister van Niekerk and Brother Hanke better health in the future, also any other member who isn't well. We also wish little Beverly Leeuw a speedy recovery after her operation.

We would like to welcome all new members and wish them much joy in our lovely Church. We extend to them the hand of friendship.

Brother Tex Smith won the competition for the "convention badge" for Ramah . . . congratulations Brother Tex.

Many of our members are really working themselves to a standstill for the play to be presented on Good Friday, "Promised Valley". So many have been working hard making the costumes and decorations. Bless them all for their efforts.

And now we say au revoir this month. May our Heavenly Father bless all the Saints everywhere and especially in the South African Mission is our sincere prayer.

SALISBURY BRANCH

Jean Schonnberg

BRANCH conference was held in Salisbury on the 18th of March, and was attended by a large congregation of members who had long looked forward to the day and visit of President Alldredge.

At the first session of the conference, President Kenneth Trotter presented the theme, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love for one another." The first speaker, Sister Eliza Larson, spoke on the gospel of love with particular emphasis on the example set by the pioneers. Following, President Alldredge gave a wonderful discourse on "True Christianity and our Saviour's great love for all."

At the second session the speakers were: Brother George Fisher, Sister Grace E. Corbett who spoke on the various aspects of love, and in conclusion, President Alldredge gave us "The Spirit of Mormonism." We were sorry at being unable to have the pleasure of a visit from Sister Alldredge at this time.

On Monday the 19th, President Alldredge presided over a branch officers and teachers meeting. He urged those in offices to accept the full challenge of the work for the Lord, especially stressing preparation. After the meeting, refreshments were served and the Saints were able to enjoy the company of the Mission President.

The final plans for the Salisbury Chapel are now on view and the members feel it will grace Salisbury when built in the near future.

The 24th of March was the day set aside for the Annual C.S.M. Festival, at which all had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. After games and some of the most attractive refreshments yet served, thanks here to Sisters Dora Storey and Grace Corbett, two short and most amusing plays were presented by the Corbett and Larson families, followed by President Trotter's rendering of a Yorkshire "classic". Altogether a delightful time was had, and with the dear old C.S.M. subscription for a year, it was well worth the ten shillings per family.

On Sunday evening, the 8th of April, members met at the Lapin home and were, despite some difficulty in reception, able to hear part of the 132nd Annual Conference from Salt Lake City.

On a beautiful Sabbath day, we witnessed the baptisms of young Gregory Hodgkiss and Charmaine Lapin in a perfect setting at the home of Brother and Sister Taylor. We welcome these two young members into the fellowship of the Church, and pray each may grow in love of the Gospel as they grow in years.

The branch was able to extend a welcome to Bishop Mabey and family when they met with the Saints at both Sunday School and Sacrament Meeting on the 15th of April.

We have bid au revoir to President and Sister Kenneth Trotter who, with their children, have left for a well-earned holiday in the United Kingdom. May our Heavenly Father's blessings go with them.

The Saints in Salisbury send greetings to all members in the South African Mission.

SPRINGS

N. C. van Niekerk

THE Relief Society Basket Night held recently, was a very successful function with much fun, as lunch baskets were exchanged with tense expectation.

Often the tender bud with potential and purpose, in the garden of our Lord is plucked before the mature beauties—to what purpose is beyond the understanding of man. But we bow humbly to the will of our Father in Heaven.

Brother Walter Jubber was a quiet, reserved and soft spoken young man, his firm handshake full of real sincerity, and when, blooming into the maturity of manhood, he was called home to serve another purpose. Brother Jubber met with a fatal mine accident on the 27th of March. The funeral service was conducted by President Hulbert, and the words of consolation, delivered by Brother Ken Armstrong, were a doctrinal sermon of great impressiveness. A very large cortege was eloquent of our young brother's popularity. Brother Hugo dedicated the grave.

Brother Charlie, father of the deceased, was lying critically ill in the hospital at the time and is only now making slow progress. To Brother Walter's relatives and sick father we extend our sincerest sympathy.

On the 30th of March, Brother Erold Jubber and Wynn Armstrong jointly celebrated their coming of age, at the recreation hall, with a most delectable spread presented by their proud parents.

The Relief Society sponsored a most enjoyable progressive dinner on the 7th of April. It started with soup at the home of Sister Maggie Futter and ended at the home of Sister Marie van Niekerk with dancing to a selection of radio records. Sisters McCrystal and Dalldorf with Mrs. Muriel Jubber were also responsible for delightful edibles to which, of course, the ladies did full justice. Sister Ann Jubber is very pleased with the sum of money raised at this function.

We are most happy to welcome into our midst Sister Dorothy Dye

who was baptised on the 14th of March; we pray she will always progress in the Kingdom of God.

Early in March, the army claimed Brother Cedric Mew who, we understand, is not too happy under military restrictions, but he is making a very brave effort to convince his buddies that the principles of righteousness are the best policy. Brother Tony Storrer informs me that he too is soon to answer the call of his country.

The Priesthood grows still larger; Brothers McCrystal and Cornelius Botha received the Aaronic Priesthood and Brother King MacMillan has been ordained an Elder. We congratulate these fine brethren on their achievement.

VEREENIGING

Rowland P. Roberts

THE membership of the branch is still growing: we have had four more baptisms which brings our strength up to approximately 20 families.

We also congratulate the Sheasby family on the birth of a daughter, Michelle Karen, on the 1st of March 1962, and the Brummer family (Layton) on the birth of a boy. Both mothers and children are doing well.

The building fund committee are still busy and have arranged to staff a refreshment centre at the Vaal Show which is taking place at Vereeniging on the 26th to the 28th of April, 1962. Refreshment and cold drinks are being sold during these three days and it is assured that a handsome profit will be made to help boost our funds.

The M.I.A. will soon be starting on their new calendar and we hope that the attendances will be as good, if not better than before.

The Relief Sociey is being well attended; they are busy preparing for a bazaar to be held at the end of the year in aid of funds.

Brother Cecil Partridge has moved with his family from Vereeniging to Meyerton, so we do not see as much of him and his family as we would like to. However, he is much nearer his work which will have many advantages especially during the winter months.

We are all looking forward to the M.I.A. Convention and some families are making arrangements to stay in Johannesburg, while others will travel to and fro.

An interesting visitor from Wolmaransstad was with us last Sunday. Although not a member, Doctor Hanekom attended our morning service. We enjoyed talking to him and listening to his testimony. We hope that the Lord will one day remove the obstacles from his path, that one more soul may be added to our roster.

THE PURPOSE OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

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church, save it be the Church of the Devil. Take upon you the name of Christ, and speak truth in soberness. And as many as repent and are baptized in my name, which is Jesus Christ, and endure to the end, the same shall be saved. Wherefore, all men must take upon them the name which is given of the Father, for in that name shall they be called at the last day."

(D. & C. 18:10-24)

What a great responsibility and opportunity for every Sunday School Officer and teacher! This is the whole purpose of Sunday School in a nutshell. It is governed and directed by the Priesthood of God, and it is there to feed His lambs and sheep with the words of eternal life, that they may also inherit the Kingdom of Heaven, that is, to be where God and Christ are.

May God bless every Sunday School Officer and teacher with the desire to labour with all their might in this great work, I pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

BROTHER JOHN SCHELTEMA,
Pretoria Branch.

MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

APPOINTMENTS

ELDER DAVID G. NORTON—2nd Counselor in the Mission Presidency, April 23, 1962.

ARRIVALS

ELDER DON H. PERRY—from Sunset, Utah, arrived March 28, 1962, assigned to West Rand.

ELDER JOHN L. GREENWOOD—from American Fork, Utah, arrived March 28, 1962, assigned to Durban.

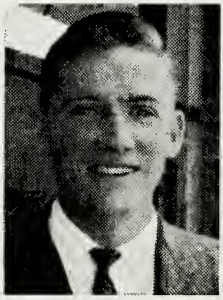
SISTER LORRAINE TAYLOR—from Springville, Utah, arrived March 28, 1962, assigned to Cape Town.

SISTER ANNE M. PIPER—from Council, Idaho, arrived March 28, 1962, assigned to Pietermaritzburg.

RELEASES

ELDER THOMAS B. SMITH—laboured in Cape Town, Pietermaritzburg, Durban, served as Supervising Elder of the West Rand, Travelling Elder, and 2nd Counselor in the Mission Presidency. President Smith was released on March 31, 1962.

ELDER JAMES B. CLAWSON—laboured in Welkom, Pretoria, Durban and the West Rand. Elder Clawson was released on March 31, 1962.



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